

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE OMHA TO ALL PARENTS EFFECTIVE 2014 & 2015 SEASON

Commencing the 2014 & 2015 Season, the OMHA is implementing the "Respect in Hockey" initiative.

This initiative will require at least one parent or guardian of each player registered in minor hockey throughout the OMHA to complete the e-learning course "Respect in Sport – Parent Program" as a condition of participation.

Full participation in the Respect Initiative from Team Officials, Referees and Linesmen, and now Parents will ensure everyone has received a consistent message.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The one hour, online course is a proactive, educational program that empowers parents with the tools to ensure the game is enjoyable and respectful for themselves, their children, and all other stakeholders in the game.

This program encourages positive behaviour, effective communication, and will provide valuable tools which can only enhance the enjoyment of our game for everyone.

It will foster and develop a culture of mutual respect in the OMHA and serve as an effective risk management tool as well as contributing to the overall safety and enjoyment of the game by all participants.

This child protection tool reduces liability and delivers on the OMHA's responsibility for "duty of care". This is a positive program that allows for an opportunity to empower all of our wonderful parents and provides a strong step forward towards the long-term goal of social and culture change in minor sport and in life.

It is Canada's leading online bullying, abuse, harassment, and neglect prevention program.

THE MANDATE

As mandated by the OMHA, completion of the Respect in Sport– Parent Program certification will be a condition of acceptance into each local Association and the OMHA.

To access the e-learning course, please visit www.omha.net. Click on the Players Tab, and then select "Parents". There you will find an Overview, Instructions, and access to the e-learning course.

The cost for this course is \$12.00 + HST per family. The OMHA only accepts online credit card payments. This course is available now.

The deadline for course completion by the OMHA is August 31, 2014; however, as an Association, we would like to institute the deadline of August 1, 2014 to ensure eligibility is finalized well before the OMHA requirement.

By encouraging an early completion date, we can move forward into the new season without pause.